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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 11-248—sHB 5326**

*Public Safety and Security Committee*

*Education Committee*

*Appropriations Committee*

**AN ACT REQUIRING CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN ALL  
PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**SUMMARY:** This act requires the Fire Safety Code to include provisions for carbon monoxide (CO) detection and warning equipment in all public and nonpublic school buildings. The act prohibits the building inspector from issuing a certificate of occupancy to any such building issued a building permit for new occupancy on or after January 1, 2012, unless the local fire marshal or building official certifies that the building is equipped with CO detection and warning equipment complying with the Fire Safety Code. The act requires the code to include specified standards for installing, testing, and maintaining the equipment.

The act exempts municipalities, boards of education, and supervisory agents of nonpublic schools and their agents, employees, or officers, acting without malice, in good faith, and in the scope of their employment or official duties, from liability for any damage resulting from the failure to detect CO within a public school building. In order to be immunized, the CO detection equipment must be installed and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's published instructions and the regulations adopted under the act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

**CO EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, AND TESTING  
STANDARDS**

The act requires the Fire Safety Code to:

1. provide requirements and specifications for testing and inspecting CO detection and warning equipment in public and nonpublic schools, including the frequency of testing and inspections;
2. require any CO detection equipment installed in such schools to meet or exceed the Underwriter's Laboratories Standard Number 2075;
3. require that any CO warning equipment installed in such schools meet or exceed the Underwriter's Laboratories Standard Number 2034;
4. require that installation and maintenance of CO detection and warning equipment comply with the manufacturer's instructions and the National Fire Protection Association's standards; and
5. prohibit the installation of any battery-operated or plug-in CO warning equipment that has a battery as its back-up power source in any public and nonpublic school building issued a building permit for new occupancy on or after January 1, 2012.

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